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USDOC FOR CAGNE AND BIC/OIM/SAD WANDA ALE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BEXP, SY
SUBJECT: PETROCHEMICAL TRADE MISSION

REF: USDOC 30; USDOC 3877

1. EMBASSY HAS RESERVED EIGHT SINGLES AND ONE SUITE
FOR MISSION MAY 5-9 (FIVE EVENINGS). WE HAVE NOT RESERVED
CONFERENCE ROOM/BUSINESS INFORMATION CENTER, AS
SITUATION IN SYRIA CONFORMS TO THAT IN KUWAIT AS DESCRIBED
IN PARA ONE OF KUWAIT 1060.

2. IMPERATIVE TO SEND ASAP FULL AND COMPLETE LIST OF
PARTICIPANTS (WE MUST INCLUDE SUCH INFORMATION IN DIPLOMATIC
NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTER TO GET BALL ROLLING HERE), AS
WELL AS PROMOTIONAL LITERATURE FOR PARTICIPANTS. NO SUCH
LITERATURE HAS YET ARRIVED; NORMALLY, WE WOULD HAVE
RECEIVED AND BEGUN DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH LITERATURE
BY NOW FOR A MISSION SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN A MONTH
AND A HALF.

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3. AMBASSADOR IS PREPARED TO HOST, WITH EXPENSES BORNE
BY MISSION, RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE WHEREBY MISSION
MEMBERS MAY MAKE CONTACT WITH SYRIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
AND LEADING LOCAL BUSINESSMEN. IF MISSION DESIRES SUCH A
RECEPTION, PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WITH PERTINENT FISCAL DATA.

4. USDOC WILL RECALL THAT THIS EMBASSY ENCOURAGED

INCLUSION OF SYRIA ON MISSION'S ITINERARY PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF SYRIA'S CONSIDERATION OF A PROJECTED 300-350 MILLION DOLLAR PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX (76 DAMASCUS 3763 AND 7670); PLAN IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM. WE ARE ENCOURAGED, THEREFORE, TO SEE DAVY POWERGAS, INC. AS "VERBALLY COMMITTED" AND FLUOR AS "SERIOUS PROSPECT." WE HOPE USDOC HAS NAILED DOWN AT LEAST ONE LARGE US FIRM COMPETENT TO DISCUSS WITH SYRIANS COMPREHENSIVE, TURN-KEY APPROACH TO PROJECTED PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX; OTHERWISE, WE FEAR MISSION RESULTS HERE WILL BE MINIMAL.

5. E/C OFFICER MICHAEL DAVIS WILL BE CONTROL OFFICER FOR MISSION.
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